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CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION

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Six Commissioners Appointed

Governor Gray Davis has appointed six new Building Standards Commissioners since January, 2000. The Building Standards Commission now has 9 of the 11 seats filled. Vacancies remain for a public member and a local building official. All of the appointees receive no compensation and require Senate confirmation. In alphabetical order the new commissioners are:

Timothy J. Brink, Licensed Contractor: Mr. Brink of Los Angeles County is the Chief Executive Officer for C.H. Stone Plumbing, Inc., a position he has held since 1986. He is a licensed California contractor. Mr. Brink is president of the California Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors' Association. Mr. Brink earned his bachelor of science degree from Santa Clara University.

Patrick Buscovich, Structural Engineer. Mr. Buscovich of San Francisco is the President of Patrick Buscovich & Associates, Structural Engineer, Inc., a position he has held since 1990. Mr. Buscovich's company specializes in seismic strengthening, rehabilitation design, and building code consultation. From 1996 to 1999, Mr. Buscovich served on the board of directors of the Structural Engineers Association of California. From 1997 to 1998, he was President of the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California. From 1995 to 1996, he was Vice President of the City and County of San Francisco Building Inspection Commission. Mr. Buscovich earned his bachelor of science and master of science degrees from the University of California, Berkeley.

Sidney L. Cavanaugh, Organized Labor. Mr. Cavanaugh of Los Angeles is the Special Representative to the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the U.S. and Canada, a position he has held since 1998. From 1994 to 1998, he was Technical Services Director for the California State Pipe Trades Council. Mr. Cavanaugh was Manager of Codes and Standards for Delta Faucet Company, and the Water Control International, Inc. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Southern California Christian and a masters degree from Westminster Theological Seminary.

Jimmy H. Hill, Local Fire Official. Captain Hill of Los Angeles is Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Marshal for the Los Angeles Fire Department. He has been with the Los Angeles Fire Department since 1973. Mr. Hill is a member of the Western Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, Fire Prevention Officers Association, and the International Fire Marshal Association. He earned an associate of science degree from Compton College.

Anthony P. Sauer, Public Member-Disabled. Mr. Sauer of Grass Valley is Executive Director for the Foundation of Resources for Equality and Employment for the Disabled (FREED), a position he has held since 1994. He served as a wood-working instructor for Nevada Union Adult Education and owned his own cabinet and millwork business. Mr. Sauer is an alumnus of the Nevada County Leadership Institute and a board member of the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers. He also served on the Access Code Advisory Committee for the California Building Standards Commission.

Steven R. Winkel, FAIA, Architect. Mr. Winkel of Berkeley is an architect and Project Manager for Field Paoli Architects of San Francisco, a position he has held since 1998. He has served as Principal Architect for Seaton Wilson Architects in Oakland and Hilliard Architects in San Francisco, as well as Project Manager for Michael Willis and Associates in San Francisco. Mr. Winkel is a licensed architect, landscape architect, construction inspector, and civil engineer. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the California Historical Society. Mr. Winkel earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

March Meeting Cancelled Meeting Planned For May 24

At the February 28th meeting, the Building Standards Commission elected to cancel its meeting scheduled for March 22, 2000.

The next meeting of the Building Standards Commission is scheduled for May 24, 2000 at Consumer Affairs, 400 R Street, Sacramento. This is not an "Official Notice", but a "heads-up" advisory for your information.

2000 Census is Important

Your participation in the 2000 Census is important not to just count, but to use those numbers for a wide variety of purposes. Those numbers establish legislative districts, federal and state funding for many programs and provide information for transportation, health and housing agencies to name a few. Return the census – make yourself Count!

February Commission Actions

At the February 28, 2000 meeting of the California Building Standards Commission, various code changes and the provisions of the 1999 Code Cycle were approved:

Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH 3/99) proposed modifications to CCR, Title 24, Part 7, California Elevator Safety Construction Code §§ 7-3065, 7-3067, & 7-3106 re: Plunger Engaging Safety Devices (PESD) and Monitoring Oil Levels were approved.

Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH 2/99) proposed modifications to CCR, Title 24, Part 7, California Elevator Safety Construction Code §§ 7-3089(d) & 7-3091(k) re: Escalators and Walkways were approved.

Building Standards Commission (BSC 2/99) Approval of changes to Conflict of Interest Code, Title 24, Part 1, CCR, § 1-701 was approved.

Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development Emergency Re-adoption of seismic retrofit standards in Title 24, Part 2, §§ 1625(b) and 1635(b) (OSHDP-EP 14/99) to correct a technical error was approved.

Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development Emergency to amend existing retrofit standards to define and clarify impacted facilities or change requirements in Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 6 and Part 2, Chapters 16B and 22B (OSHDP-EP 1/00) was approved.

Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM-EP 9/99) emergency adoption of security bars standards in Title 24, CCR, was approved.

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For the 1999 Code Cycle Part 1 - California Administrative Code, the Commission:

Approved OSHPD 9/99 Testing, Inspection and Observation Program amending various Sections of 7-141;

Approved OSHPD 10/99 Filing Fee/Personal Knowledge Verified Reports amending §§ 7-111, 7-113 and 7-151;

Returned for further study OSHPD 4/99 Signing and Preparation of Hospital Drawings amending § 7-115;

Approved OSHPD 3/99 Class C Hospital Inspector amending §§ 7-200, 7-204 & 7-206.

For the 1999 Code Cycle Part 2 - California Building Code, the Commission:

Approved SFM 7/99 Smoke Barrier Membrane amending § 308.2.1;

Approved as amended OSHPD 6/99 Hospital Patient Room Window Opening amending § 420A.7;

Approved OSHPD 7/99 Travel Distance Between Nurses Station and Patient Room amending § 421A.4 which, as being less restrictive, becomes effective 30 days after publication;

Approved SFM 8/99 Fire Assembly Closing Devices amending § 713.6.1;

Approved Comment 1 of SFM 6/99 Opening Requirements In Smoke Barriers amending § 905.2.4;

Approved SFM 4/99 Interior Elevator Changes amending § 1003.2.6;

Approved as amended SFM 2/99 Minimum Width of Stairs, Ramps & Exit Passageways amending §§ 1003.3.3.2, 1003.3.3.4.1, 1005.3.4.2 & 1007.5.1;

Approved SFM 5/99 Minimum Width of Exterior Exit Balconies amending §1006.3.2.2;

Approved DSAAC 7/99 Finish and Contrast of Signs amending § 1117B.5.5;

Approved DSAAC 7/99 Character Size of Signs amending § 1117B.5.6;

(DSAAC 8/99 Transportation Facilities New § 1132B.4 was withdrawn);

Approved as amended DSAAC 4/99 Existing Toilet Facilities New § 1143B.2.3;

Approved OSHPD 1/99 Seismic Design Provisions for Reinforced Concrete amending various sections;

DGSRES 1/99 Seismic Retrofit Standards for Concrete and Reinforced Masonry Buildings was withheld by DSA;

Approved OSHPD 13/99 Reviewing Stands, Grandstands and Bleachers repealing § 1609B.6;

Approved OSHPD 13/99 Testing and Inspection amending §§ 1612B.3, 1701B.1 & 1703B; and

Approved OSHPD 13/99 Braced Spacing – Ductwork, Piping and Conduit amending § 1630B.6.

For the California Electrical Code Part 3 - California Building Code, the Commission:

Adopted the CBSC 1999 Electrical Code as resubmitted;

Approved DSASS 2/99 1999 National Electrical Code as resubmitted;

Approved DSAAC 2/99 1999 National Electrical Code as resubmitted;

Approved HCD 2/99 1999 National Electrical Code as resubmitted;

Approved OSHPD 2/99 1999 National Electrical Code as resubmitted;

Returned to the Coordinating Council SFM 1/99 1999 National Electrical Code as resubmitted;

Approved SFM 3/99 and HCD 3/99 Electrical Vehicle amending 1998 CEC Article 625.1;

Approved OSHPD 12/99 Regulatory Reform Kitchen Exhaust Hood amending 1998 CEC § 410.2;

Returned to the Coordinating Council OSHPD 12/99 Medical Gas Piping to repeal CMC § 1407 and adopt CPC § 319.0;

Returned for further study OSHPD 12/99 Refrigerant to amend CMC Tables 11-A & B;

Approved OSHPD 12/99 Plumbing Fixture count adopting a new 1998 CEC § 413.1a.

For the California Mechanical Code Part 4 - California Building Code, the Commission:

Approved OSHPD 5/99 Heating/Cooling Range Requirements for Cystoscopy and Cardiac Catheterization Labs amending Table 315;

Approved OSHPD 8/99 Ventilation Supply and Return Locations Cystoscopy and Cardiac Catheterization Labs amending § 406; and

Approved OSHPD 11/99 Air Pressure and Ventilation Requirements Magnetic Imaging Resonance Rooms amending Table 4-1.

2000 Code Partnership – Delving Into The Details

The 2000 Code Partnership is working its way down into the provision conflicts between the recommended model codes.

After meeting separately for several months, the IBC/IRC-UFC and the UMC/UPC/UFC-IBC Sub-Committees have determined to reconvene as the Joint Committee beginning with the March, 2000 meeting. There were so many issues crossing from one Sub-Committee to the other that research was being duplicated and there was a need for greater coordination and better utilization of resources. Each Sub-Committee discussed reconvening and each voted its approval in their respective February meetings.

The Joint Committee met for two days – March 15 and March 16, 2000 – in order to cover its lengthy agenda.

After reviewing close to 200 definitions at a number of well-publicized meetings, the Definitions Task Group made its final report. The Occupancy Task Group, following meetings in northern, central and southern California, is proposing to do the same thing after reviewing all of the occupancy groups in great detail.

Once the reports have been accepted, the provisions are next on the "hit list."

The acceptance of the two reports is not considered to be "placing the results in concrete". It is accepted that information identified during review of the provisions may generate the need to revisit the definitions or occupancy groups to make appropriate adjustments to construct a better code.

The Occupancy Task Group has found the need to include review of certain provisions in addressing their issues. They felt that with their occupancy work basically complete, they should be renamed the Technical Task Group and research the provisions previously assigned to the Fire Task Group as they relate to the occupancies. This proposal was discussed at the March meeting of the Joint Committee and approved.

Remembering that the Partnership's task is to identify conflicts between the model codes and recommend solutions, the call has gone out for those who have expertise in model code provisions – particularly in the area of plumbing and fire issues. If you would like to participate and help the process, please refer to the "Dates to Remember" in this edition to find the date, time and location of the upcoming meetings.

**California
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FAQs

Title 24 is a public document and in most libraries, why is it not on the Internet?

Title 24 is mostly model code language incorporated by reference. The publishers of the model codes hold the copyrights with Title 24 printed by contractual agreement. The BSC does not have the authority to release the copyrighted material to the public.

BSC Staff Vacancies Filled

While the Governor was filling the Commission vacancies, the BSC staff was also filling its vacancies. Some of you who have visited the office may have met some of the new employees while others who called may have talked to them.



Michael L. Nearman, Code Specialist

Mr. Nearman formerly a local design professional, has lived in the Sacramento area for the past 15 years. He has designed a variety of commercial and residential projects, specializing in custom residential and clinical applications. Michael has worked for two large commercial architectural firms for the past 10 years and is looking forward to the new challenges offered by the BSC.



Staci Vallejo, Office Technician

A Native American from the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, Ms. Vallejo moved to Sacramento as a child. Before accepting a position with the Department of Motor Vehicles, Vallejo worked with payroll and time keeping for the California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. After five years with the DMV and then an apartment leasing agent, she joined the Building Standards Commission staff in early October of 1999.



Nedra Gavia, Office Assistant

Native Californian Nedra Gavia is a 1996 graduate of San Juan H.S. She continued her education at American River College where she is currently enrolled. Ms. Gavia worked 5 years as a cashier and office assistant in the private sector before joining the State. From June through December of 1999 she worked for the Division of the State Architect, transferring to the Building Standards Commission in January of 2000.

Dates to Remember

April 19 & 20, 2000:

2000 Code Partnership Joint Committee, 9:30 A.M., Rm. 183/185
HCD, 1800 3rd Street, Sacramento

May 17 & 18, 2000:

2000 Code Partnership Joint Committee, 9:30 A.M., Rm. 183/185
HCD, 1800 3rd Street, Sacramento

May 24, 2000:*

Building Standards Commission
1st Fl. Hearing Room, Consumer Affairs, 400 R St., Sacramento

June 14 & 15, 2000:

2000 Code Partnership Joint Committee, 9:30 A.M., Rm. 183/185
HCD, 1800 3rd Street, Sacramento

July 3, 2000:

Deadline For Code Change Submittals to the Building Standards Commission

July 19, 2000:*

Building Standards Commission
1st Fl. Hearing Room, Consumer Affairs, 400 R St., Sacramento

September 20, 2000:*

Building Standards Commission
1st Fl. Hearing Room, Consumer Affairs, 400 R St., Sacramento

November 15, 2000:*

Building Standards Commission
1st Fl. Hearing Room, Consumer Affairs, 400 R St., Sacramento

* **Dates Are Always Subject To Change**

Important Reminder

For those who have not been actively involved with the 2000 Code Partnership, there appears to be some confusion as to its charge, function and areas of responsibility.

The 2000 Code Partnership was charged with the task of recommending single-subject model codes for the 2001 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle. It was then further charged to identify any conflicts that may exist between the model codes and then recommend solutions to deal with those identified conflicts.

The Partnership was not charged with reviewing the provisions for adequacy, be they structural, exiting or plumbing, etc.

Therefore, if you or your "group" have reasons to amend the model code provisions, be advised to work with the appropriate State agency to prepare and submit the amendment by the July 3, 2000 deadline. If the proposal should be effective for all agencies, you will need to submit your petition by the same deadline. If you want the amendment to be considered in the 2001 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle, please make note of the July 3, 2000 deadline for submission.

